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AMCONSUL MONTREAL FOR US REP ICAO

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TAGS: EAIR, ICAO, FR  
SUBJECT: FORTHCOMING AWOD MEETING, MONTREAL

REF: STATE 69366/1

1. APAR-1 DISCUSSED WITH CAREL OF DGAC FORTHCOMING AWOD MEETING AT MONTREAL. CAREL CONFIRMED THAT ALAIN MONNIER, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, AIR NAVIGATION, WOULD LEAD FRENCH DELEGATION WHICH WILL INCLUDE ALSO BEAUDRY, DE NEUCHATEL, FOMBONNE OF THOMSON CSF AND HIMSELF. CAREL'S REMARKS WERE INCONCLUSIVE RESPECTING THE LIKELY SPECIFIC FRENCH POSITION AT MONTREAL, BUT WE TOOK AWAY THE IMPRESSION THAT IT IS LIKELY TO FAVOR POSTPONEMENT. APAR-1 HAS APPOINTMENT WITH MONNIER MORNING MARCH 28  
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TO DISCUSS FORTHCOMING ICAO MEETING AND TRY FIND OUT OFFICIAL FRENCH POSITION FROM DELEGATION LEADER. SHOULD STATE OR FAA/W HAVE SPECIFIC QUESTIONS TO ASK, PLEASE LIST THEM IN PRIORITY RETURN MESSAGE. MARCH 27 IS FRENCH HOLIDAY.

2. IN THE MEANTIME, WE NOTE THAT CAREL POINTED OUT:

(A) IT WAS IMMATERIAL TO THE FRENCH WHICH OF THE TWO MLS SYSTEMS (TRSB OR DMLS) WOULD BE SELECTED. HE SAID THAT "WHERE WE ARE AT ODDS WITH THE U.S. IS ON THE QUESTION OF ILS PROTECTION DATES". HE ADDED "SHOULD THE FAA GIVE CONVINCING ASSURANCES THAT THE MLS IMPLEMENTATION DATE CAN BE DELAYED, THIS WOULD GO A LONG WAY TO CALM THE FRENCH DELEGATION".

(B) THE GERMANS AT MONTREAL WILL PROPOSE POSTPONEMENT OF A DECISION ON MLS.

(C) THE NON-EXISTENCE OF STANDARDS AND RECOMMENDED PRACTICES (SARPS) FOR MLS AND THE LITTLE TIME AVAILABLE FOR THEIR PREPARATION PRIOR TO NEXT SEPTEMBER'S ICAO SESSION IS ALSO OF CONCERN TO THE GOF. FURTHERMORE, THE FRENCH WOULD LIKE AN OPPORTUNITY TO DISCUSS WITH FAA INTERNATIONAL ASPECT OF THE SARPS.

(D) THE PROSPECT OF NON-TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED COUNTRIES MAKING THE DECISION ON MLS PURELY ON POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS IS CONSIDERED AN "IRRITANT" BY THE FRENCH AERONAUTICAL AUTHORITIES.

3. COMMENT: IN SPITE OF THE "IRRITANT" ASPECT REFERRED TO BY CAREL, WE ARE CONFIDENT THAT IF THE FRENCH DELEGATION DECIDES TO SUPPORT AN EFFORT AT POSTPONEMENT IT WILL NOT HESITATE TO ATTEMPT TO MOBILIZE SUPPORT FOR THIS FROM AMONG THE "NON TECHNICALLY QUALIFIED COUNTRIES", ESPECIALLY THOSE IN FRANCOPHONE AFRICA.  
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